

## Project Aware: Cultural Mentor

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**REPORTS TO:** Project Coordinator

**Length of Assignment:** 12 months

**Tour of Duty:** 7:30am – 4:00pm., Monday through Friday

**Employment Status:** Hourly/Non-Exempt

**Primary Purpose:**

To create a cultural experience at the school by motivating students to develop skills, attitudes and knowledge of the Lakota culture and traditions.

**Duties:**

1. Provide cultural guidance to students; to conduct and/or facilitate Lakota spiritual ceremonies, oral traditions, cultural studies, and to do other related work.
2. Works with students on spiritual matters, cultural perspective; conducts and facilitates lessons including but not limited to drum, tobacco, and revitalization ceremonies.
3. Organizes and provides instruction to activities in Lakota spiritual expressions, oral traditions, ethics, cultural heritage, and music; cooperates with other staff members in carrying out the mission of Isna Wica Owayawa/Loneman School.
4. Supervise the arranging of programs to visit spiritual and cultural sites.
5. Adhere to Isna Wica Owayawa/Loneman School policies and procedures.
6. Perform other duties as assigned.

**Requirements:**

- Knowledge of Native American culture and language preferred.
- Must possess/obtain and maintain a legal driver's license.
- Must take and pass a Drug & Alcohol test, background check and fingerprinting.
- Will participate in Isna Wica Owayawa/Loneman School activities that include the community.

**Qualifications:**

- A. High School Diploma is required.
- B. Must have an A.A. degree or higher in Education, Lakota Culture or other related field of study or have good experience teaching or leading cultural activities with groups.
- C. Must have knowledge of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, its history, tribal law, philosophy and language.
- D. Ability to organize, prepare and conduct a variety of cultural lessons and activities.